

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING STACY RASTAUSKAS FOR HER WORK IN THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN CLOAKROOM

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, all too often, the hard work of House staff goes unnoticed. Members of Congress thank their legislative staff when their bills pass the House, but rarely do they thank the people who make the House Floor run on a day to day basis. So today I rise to recognize someone who deserves the thanks of this entire institution: Stacy Rastauskas, the outgoing Assistant Floor Chief of the House Republican Cloakroom.

For 2 two years, Stacy has helped to run the House Floor from her desk in the Republican Cloakroom. She has been a source of invaluable information to all Members, a trusted colleague to countless House staff, and a mentor to our House pages. It is impossible to visit the Cloakroom without being on the receiving end of one of her brilliant smiles. In short, Stacy made the Cloakroom feel like home to us all.

Soon Stacy will be leaving to open a Washington office for Ohio State University. I cannot possibly thank her enough for the dedicated hours she spent as Assistant Floor Chief. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye and good luck. The Republican Cloakroom won't be the same without her.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSSIE B. LAWSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Jossie B. Lawson in recognition of her commitment to public service through her work in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and dedication to her community through volunteer efforts in her church.

Jossie B. Lawson was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 6, 1954. She is the proud mother of two talented daughters, Sareve C. Lawson and Alia H. Akili. Jossie is the product of the New York City public school system. After graduating from Performing Arts High School, she attended Hunter College. Her most recent academic achievement was the completion of the prestigious EEO Complaint Handling program at the Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 2001.

Shortly after receiving her certification in Paralegal Studies from Long Island University, Jossie was hired as a paralegal by the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office in 1983. She was later promoted to Administrative Manager in 1990, and again to her current position of

EEO Coordinator by the current District Attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes in 1998. She is also responsible for facilitating the College Internship program in the agency and has represented the District Attorney's Office on the Board of Women's Advisors for the City of New York.

As a young adult, Jossie began working with the youth of her congregation, Zion Baptist Church where Dr. M. M. Peace is the pastor. She is a gifted singer and serves as a worship leader in her church. Her strong commitment to personal mentoring and use of her considerable skills as a life coach, has earned her the love and respect of many.

Jossie has given her time and support to countless individuals across the years. Her ability to motivate and encourage people coupled with her gift of helping others discover and nurture the gifts within themselves is why she is frequently invited to participate in workshops and motivational sessions. Jossie is a woman who will push you to excellence, pray you toward success and pull you with the strength of her belief in your potential. Many have been blessed by her guidance. She is truly a woman who makes a difference.

Mr. Speaker, Jossie B. Lawson has dedicated her life to her community through both her professional and her personal activities. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

PRESENTING A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF RAMON J. REEVEY

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD recognizes the extraordinary spirit of this man, who after becoming a paraplegic went on to accomplish what others would consider impossible. He had started his career with the Federal government when tragedy struck in a car accident. But he was not deterred and as a paraplegic, he worked hard and received his Baccalaureate degree from Long Beach State University. He went on to receive his Master's degree in Hospital Administration from the University of California at Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Ramon J. Reevey distinguished himself to veterans and hospital administrations nationwide by demonstrating total commitment to the Department of Veterans Affairs. He understood the problems of patients in the Veterans hospitals. His empathy allowed him to manage the resources of the hospital to better provide needed care. His caring and positive attitude is reflected in his motto: "If you have happy employees, you have happy patients"; and

Whereas, Ramon J. Reevey throughout his career accomplished many goals, with the crown jewel of his career being the hosting of the 23rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games in July 2003, while heading up the VA Long Beach Healthcare System. He was also a competitive participant in the Games; and

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the dedication of this man to the welfare of the lives of our community is much appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL LEMAY

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Michael Lemay, who is retiring from the California State University San Bernardino after 12 dedicated years of service to the university. Dr. Lemay is an individual of great distinction, and we join with family and friends in honoring his remarkable achievements and expressing pride in his work throughout the last dozen years.

Dr. Lemay has devoted his life to helping students through his chosen profession in education. His kindness and passionate spirit make him an incredible resource to the university and beloved community member.

For the past 12 years, Dr. Lemay has dedicated himself to Cal State San Bernardino, serving as Associate Dean, Assistant Dean, Department Chair, Academic Advisor, and Professor. In these capacities, he has been an integral contributor to the management and administration of the school, as well as a participant in developing the young minds of the future.

Through his participation in countless activities and committees, Dr. Lemay has exhibited kindness, love, humility, and a deep resolve to ameliorate all aspects of university life, so it is only appropriate that we thank him today. He has received the highest evaluation of his profession for integrity and performance, and has taken a proactive approach to leadership at Cal State San Bernardino.

I join today with family in friends in congratulating him for his 12 years of service. He is a symbol of all that is good in his profession and an inspiration to all that know him.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we salute Dr. Michael Lemay. We express admiration in his career and hope that others may recognize his good works in the community.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. HE-HON LAO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. He-Hon Lao in recognition of her contribution to the field of medicine and her special

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